

MICHIGAN TRUCK SAFETY COMMISSION **MTSC**

Commission Meeting held at the
Michigan Center for Truck Safety - Lansing

Approved

September 17, 2008

Minutes

MTSC Commissioners Present

Jacqueline El-Sayed - Chair
Fred Bueter – Vice-chair
Robert McFarland
Robert Powers
James Scalici
James Parrinello
Michael Prince
Thomas O'Brien

MTSC Commissioners Excused

James Van Zoeren
Timothy Kaltenbach
David Zick

Guests

David Ford - FMCSA
Kim Lariviere - MDOT
Bill Brandon – MPSC
Ofcr. Paul Richardson – MSP/TSD
Dr. Lidia Kostyniuk – UMTRI
Dr. Dan Blower – UMTRI

Michigan Center for Truck Safety Staff

Mike Irwin
Lisa Atwell

OHSP Staff

Deborah Sonnenberg
Kim Kelly
Steve Schreier
Pietro Semifero
Kathy Farnum
Alyson Kechkaylo

I. CALL TO ORDER

The MTSC meeting was called to order by Dr. El-Sayed, Chair at 9 a.m.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair El-Sayed opened the meeting by introducing Commissioner Mr. Thomas O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien was appointed by the Governor August 12 to represent Michigan's Community Colleges. Mr. O'Brien is the Director of the Lakeshore Business Industrial Service Center for Muskegon Community College.

III. ROLL CALL

Roll call of Commissioners was completed determining a quorum was present.

IV. APPROVAL OF MTSC MINUTES

Dr. El-Sayed called for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2008, meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mr. Scalici and supported by Mr. Bueter. *Motion Carried.*

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. MTSC 20th Anniversary Celebration Update - Ms. Alyson Kechkaylo/OHSP Communications Staff

Ms. Kechkaylo provided an overview of the events planned to date for the MTSC 20th anniversary celebration. On October 21, 2008, the main event is on the State Capitol lawn from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the press conference beginning at Noon. A Governor's proclamation declaring the week of October 18–25, 2008, as "Truck Safety Week in Michigan" will also be presented.

At the Lansing event, the international kick-off of Operation Safe Driver, co-sponsored by the CVSA and FMCSA, is being incorporated to provide media attention and public awareness of the driver factors contributing or causing commercial vehicle crashes. Federal transportation officials from Washington, DC have been contacted to participate and we are awaiting confirmation of those attending.

The other events scheduled are Tuesday, October 22, at the Flying J Truck Center at I-75 and M-81 in Saginaw, and one on Thursday, October 23, at Exit 76 Otto Truck Stop in Grand Rapids.

b. GTSAC Outstanding Contributions to Traffic Safety Awards – Mr. Mike Prince/OHSP

Mr. Prince announced that nominations are now being accepted for the GTSAC's Outstanding Contributions in Traffic Safety awards. Mr. Prince encouraged the Commissioners to nominate individuals, programs, or organizations related to commercial motor vehicle safety that should be recognized for the efforts. The deadline to submit nominations is November 7. The awards will be presented at the Michigan Traffic Safety Summit GTSAC Awards Luncheon, held on Thursday, March 26, 2009. All Commissioners are invited to attend the entire Summit March 24-26, 2009.

c. Recognition Award – Mr. Mike Irwin

Mr. Irwin recognized MSP Motor Carrier Officer Paul Richardson for his outstanding performance at the North American Inspectors Challenge. For one week, over 50 competitors from the U.S., Canada, and Mexico vie for the various awards through testing of their knowledge and expertise in several commercial vehicle inspection categories. Officer Richardson represented Michigan extremely well by placing in the passenger vehicle category and also being awarded the John Youngblood Award as voted upon by his peers in the competition. Mr. Irwin presented Officer Richardson with a plaque to acknowledge his accomplishments at the Inspectors Challenge.

VI. REPORTS

a. Chair's Report – Dr. Jacqueline El-Sayed

Dr. El-Sayed acknowledged the efforts of all involved in developing the MTSC Strategic Plan.

b. MCTS Project Director's Report – Mr. Mike Irwin

- Mr. Irwin provided an update of the Education Center's activities to date.
- The 11th Edition of the Truck Driver's Guide Book is now available.
- Anyone not receiving the Safety Scene, the MCTS newsletter, is asked to contact the Center to verify their contact information.
- In July, two truck safety days were held. The one held in St. Clair was highly-attended by individuals, industry, and government representatives. Participants were able to experience the No-Zone and Truck Simulator displays. Mr. Prince acknowledged Erik Jamison of the Center for incorporating the PSAs into the simulator scenarios.
- Mr. Irwin announced that he and Captain Powers have been reappointed for another two years to the FMCSA Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee that is charged to identify, develop, and recommend national traffic safety campaigns. The Center's "Share the Road" video developed for high-school driver education programs was selected by the CVSA, American Trucking Association, and the Arizona Trucking Association to be used as a model to develop a national share the road campaign.

c. MTSC Financial Report – Ms. Kim Kelly/OHSP

Ms. Kelly provided an overview of the Truck Safety Grant financial standing as of July 31, 2008. Captain Powers reported the UCR is not generating the revenue Michigan expected. The revenue is now projected to be far below what was expected. If this holds true, Michigan will not receive its anticipated operating funds, which also equates to the truck safety fund receiving a much lower amount. A large factor in the revenue shortfall is due to the number of trucking companies going out of business and the rest struggling due to the economy. The other factor continues to be the lack of enforcement authority. The legislative bill to provide for enforcement authority is progressing through the legislative process.

d. Annual Report Development – Mr. Steve Schreier/OHSP

Mr. Schreier advised the 2008 Annual Report development is in process. A draft will be distributed for Commissioner review and comment prior to the November meeting. The report must be approved at the November 12 meeting to meet the mandated deadline for submission to the legislature.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

- a. MTSC Strategic Plan Revision Review – Mr. Steve Schreier and Mr. Peitro Semifero/OHSP
An overview of the latest revisions included in the plan was presented and recommended for adoption by the Research and Evaluation Committee.
- b. Approval of MTSC Strategic Plan 2008-2010 – Dr. Jacqueline El-Sayed
A motion to approve the MTSC Strategic Plan was made by Mr. Prince and supported by Mr. McFarland. *Motion carried unanimously.*
- c. Proposed 2009 Meeting Calendar – Dr. Jacqueline El-Sayed
Dr. El-Sayed proposed eliminating the January meeting based on review of the four previous years' January agendas. By Statute, the MTSC is required to meet at least quarterly, so reducing to five meetings is allowable. Mr. Prince added that emergency meetings could be called if needed. Captain Powers remarked that perhaps two meetings could be eliminated. He added that MTSC action is required less often than in the early years since the organization structure and programs are established and operating successfully. No objections were expressed by the Commissioners to reduce the number of meetings for 2009. Dr. El-Sayed and Mr. Prince will review the options and determine if 4 or 5 meetings in 2009 would be sufficient. A revised proposed 2009 meeting schedule will be e-mailed to the Commissioners for pre-review in preparation for approval at the November meeting.

VIII. PRESENTATION

- a. Truck Driver Crash History Analysis – Dr. Lidia Kostyniuk and Dr. Dan Blower/UMTRI
Dr. Lidia Kostyniuk and Dr. Dan Blower from UMTRI reported on an analysis of driver record history and crash history for CMV drivers. This was a follow-up to last year's "Strategies to Reduce CMV-involved Crashes, Fatalities, and Injuries in Michigan," after getting access to Department of State driver records.

The analysis was in three parts. The first compared drivers with Commercial Driver Licenses (CDLs) to other drivers. CDL drivers were older and far more likely to be male. Per year, CDL drivers had about twice as many crashes, twice as many injury crashes, four times as many fatal crashes, and more alcohol-involved crashes, speeding citations, and other traffic offenses. Per mile driven, CDL drivers had similar crash rates and were better on every measure except fatal crashes. Many of the crashes involving CDL drivers were in their passenger cars, not their CMVs, further improving the truck-involved crash picture. The second analysis looked at crash records from 2001 to 2005 to see if a history of crashes and traffic offenses predicted crashes in 2006 and 2007. Yes: drivers with past problems were more likely to have future problems. The third analysis compared crash-involved CMV drivers with and without CDLs. About 8 percent of crash-involved CMV drivers did not have CDLs, usually because they were not required. Non-CDL drivers had similar crash severities and fatigue- and drug-involvement. Non-CDL drivers were more likely to crash on weekends, on local roads, while alcohol-impaired, or while engaging in a hazardous action. Non-CDL drivers were less likely to crash overall, possibly because of reduced exposure. A full report will be forthcoming.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MEETING ADJOURNED – 11 a.m.